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REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

The Office Action rejected claims 1-4, 6-7, 11-13, 26-29, 31 and 36 and objected claims 5, 8-10, 30 and 32-35. Specifically, the Office Action rejected claims 1, 4, 11-13, 26, 29 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), as being anticipated by Hsu (U.S. Pat. No.6,804,861, "Hsu" hereinafter). The Office Action rejected claims 1-4 and 6-7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable by Lu (U.S. Pat. No.6,018,847, "Lu" hereinafter). The Office Action indicated that claims 5, 8-10, 30 and 32-35 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Office Action had indicated that claims 14-25 are allowed and claims 5, 8-10, 30 and 32-35 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant appreciates this indication of allowable subject matter. Applicant has also amended claims 1 and 26 to improve clarity. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-36 remain pending in the present application, and reconsideration of those claims is respectfully requested.

Discussion of Office Action Rejections

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 4, 11-13, 26, 29 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), as being anticipated by Hsu (U.S. Pat. No.6,804,861, "Hsu" hereinafter). The Office Action rejected claims 1-4 and 6-7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable by Lu (U.S. Pat. No.6,018,847, "Lu" hereinafter). Applicants respectfully traverse the

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rejections for at least the reasons set forth below.

Independent claim 1 and 26 are allowable for at least the reason that neither Hsu nor Lu at least does not disclose, teach, or suggest the feature that "a rotation-limiting ring located between the first base and the second base, the inner edge of the rotation-limiting ring has a profile that matches the outer wall of the sleeve, and the sleeve passes through the rotation-limiting ring so that the rotation-limiting ring can rotate when driven but the angular movement is limited by the rotation-limiting ring" as amended in claims 1 and 26.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 26 patently define over the prior art references, and should be allowed. For at least the same reasons, dependent claims 2-4, 6-7, 11-13, 27-29, 31 and 36 patently define over the prior art as well.

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CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the pending claims 1-36 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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